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SUBJECT: GDR, USSR AGREE ON PLAN COORDINATION

1. GDR PRESS JULY 28 REPORTS THE SIGNING OF A PROTOCOL IN MOSCOW JULY 26 BY PLANNING CHIEFS SCHUERER AND BAIBAKOV ON COORDINATION OF GDR AND SOVIET FIVE YEAR PLANS FOR 1976-80. A "COMMUNICATION" REPORTING ON THE RESULTS OF THE MOSCOW PLANNING TALKS OUTLINES AREAS IN WHICH CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS ARE TO GO ON WITHIN BOTH CMEA AND BILATERAL CONTEXTS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE COORDINATION DOCUMENTS COMMIT THE GDR TO INCREASED TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY FIELDS, ESPECIALLY CHEMICALS, PETROCHEMICALS, ELECTRONICS AND DATA PROCESSING, AS WELL AS MINING AND METALLURGICAL EQUIPMENT, RAILWAY STOCK, MACHINE TOOLS, AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

2. FOR ITS PART, THE SOVIET UNION IS TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR AND THERMAL POWER EQUIPMENT FOR LARGE CAPACITY POWER STATIONS, AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A PROJECTED 320,000 PASSENGER CARS.

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3. ON THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF SOVIET DELIVERIES OF RAW MATERIALS AND FUEL, THE "COMMUNICATION" LINKS INCREASED DELIVERIES TO THE GDR WITH EAST GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET PETROLEUM, NATURAL GAS, IRON ORE, ASBESTOS, WOOD PULP, AND PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER CAPACITY.

4. TOTAL TWO-WAY TRADE TURNOVER ENVISIONED FOR THE PLAN PERIOD IS GIVEN AT 130 BILLION VALUTA MARKS, (ABOUT \$37 BILLION AT THE VM/DOLLAR RATE USED IN 1974). INTERESTINGLY, THE DOCUMENT MAKES EXPLICIT THAT THE 130 BILLION IS CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF 1974 CMEA PRICES, THEREBY SUGGESTING THAT PLANNING FOR 1976-80 IS GOING FORWARD WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A NET SET OF PRICES TO REPLACE THE ONE ABOLISHED BY THE SOVIETS IN JANUARY.
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